

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action issued on April 5, 2004. By this response, claim 15 is amended. Claims 4, 13, 14, 16, 20, 29, 31 and 32 are cancelled without prejudice, and claims 1-3, 5, 7, 11, 17-19, 21, 23, 27 and 30 were previously cancelled. No new matter is introduced. Claims 6, 8-10, 12, 15, 22, 24-26 and 28 are now active for examination. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

The Office Action dated April 5, 2004 allowed claims 6, 8-10, 12, 22, 24-26 and 28. Claim 15 was objected to for depending on a rejected base claim, but the Examiner indicated that claim 15 would be allowable if the claim is rewritten into independent form including every limitation of the base claim. The Examiner maintained a restriction requirement dated December 1, 2003, on claims 4, 13, 14, 16, 20, 29, 31 and 32, and requested Applicants to cancel claims 4, 13, 14, 16, 20, 29, 31 and 32 to allow the application to issue.

By this response, claims 4, 13, 14, 16, 20, 29, 31 and 32 are cancelled as requested by the Examiner. Furthermore, claim 15 is rewritten into independent form including every limitation of its based claim 14, as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, claim 15 is now in good form for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance in view of the claim amendment and remarks presented herein. Favorable reconsideration and entry of the amendment are respectfully requested. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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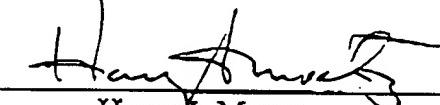
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